

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN! WITHOUT FURTHER ADO AND MUCH EXPLANATION, THE IDE PRESS GIVES YOU.....

JASTERZAB 29

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This issue, splintered as it is, late as it is, is finally being sent to you because of the direct urging of one Edi Birsan. Big Deal! Who sez the IDA don't do nothing for you?!? Anyhow, this will serve to notify some of the transference of their games for completion into the capable hands of the Birsan and his cohorts; also some of the complete abandoning of their games; and a very select few of the attempted continuation of their game under the auspices of your sometimes Humble Narrator. There are no game fees for these games---everyone already playing had made previous arrangements and there will be no new games opened. There are no subscription fees for this publication---everyone subbing before will be refunded and there will be no new subscriptions accepted. There will be no trades for this issue or any future others---those who might get future issues deserve everything they get.

The following games are being transferred to Edi Birsan for completion: 1973AU 1972GM 1972EG 1973EZ 1973EA 1972BQ. Each player in these games will receive a post-card with this issue. I urge you to see this to inform Edi Birsan whether or not you will continue playing immediately. One of the main problems in restarting games is the fact that a lot of people (perhaps justifiably here) have lost interest in playing out the games. Some of you have pleaded and threatened and other things for the continuation of your games. To you I apologize without further explanation. But the majority of you players have remained silent---probably wouldn't do you much good to complain anyhow. So....to speed up the restarting of these game conflicts, please inform Mr. Birsan if you are playing or not in your game. If he does not receive a card or note from you for each game, he will be free to replace you. The game itself is more important than the gamesmaster or any individual player. Thus, I would expect that Mr. Birsan will be able to publish another listing of these games within two weeks with all who are playing listed and announce a deadline for all games. It should be said here that none of you will lose your game fee; I am providing enough funds for the completion of all games.

GET YOUR POST CARDS TO ME BY 10.16.75 ((me=EDI))

The following games are being abandoned for two reasons: 1972DCX 1973BEED. Both of these were War of the Rings variants, designed by Jeff Key, and were started for play-testing purposes only. Firstly, interest in these two games seems rather nil---none of the players I have spoken to were greatly interested in continuing these. Secondly, the games themselves demonstrated that Mordor can always win given any lack of communication between the other players, let alone lack of cooperation between the other players. In effect the implication is that all the little people must cooperate until Mordor is reduced and then begin the game anew to find a winner. Later versions of the rules with additional players and odd-ball rule modifications have provided much fun for in-person convention games, but have not added to the playability by mail of this game. To you players I also apologize, but not so severely or as humbly, I guess. Should anyone out there wish to restart these two games, please contact me and I shall furnish all necessary records to continue the games out to their conclusion.

The following game constitutes the future efforts of JASTERZAB and Mucker Press: 1973BE-The Amazon Game. A majority of the players (4) have indicated that they will continue playing even with me as gamesmaster/narrator as long as the game begins as soon as possible. Therefore, assuming that Mr. Birsan is able to publish this upon receipt, the deadline for the FALL 1903 moves shall be announced as soon as I have received replies for the three players whom I have not spoken to about their continued playing. I am also seeking qualified ladies to act as standbys for this game.